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EDITORIAL

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"DE-BUNKING" A POLITICAL PARTY SLOGAN

In the course of the last two Federal general election campaigns, party newspapers and party speakers dilated on the supposed virtues of what they described as "stable government," meaning government by a political party machine possessing a clear majority over all other groups in the House of Commons. The circumstance that the machines of both old parties are controlled by contributors to their campaign funds, and that the contributors to party campaign funds are a small majority who have economic interests of their own to serve, was, of course, not dwelt upon. No attempt was made to show by what means the dominance of one or the other of these two parties could prove to the advantage of the masses of the people. "Stable Government" was a slogan, and slogans, among the unthinking, are acceptable substitutes for reason.

The deceptiveness of this particular slogan is now becoming apparent. The article by William Irvine, M.P., and the editorial from the *Canadian Forum*, reprinted in our current issue, will be of valuable assistance in the "de-bunking" process.

In 1926 the Canadian electorate failed to give either political party a clear majority over all other groups. The independent Farmer and Labor groups were sufficiently strong in numbers to make the theories upon which the old party system is based, unworkable. The result, as the *Canadian Forum* points out, was the production of more legislation for the benefit of the producing classes of Canada than had ever been passed before in a decade.

In 1926, on the other hand, certain members who had formerly been associated with the Farmer groups at Ottawa, formed an alliance with the Liberal party. They succumbed to the argument so persistently advanced by supporters of the old party system, that groups of men of progressive outlook could achieve more by trying to permeate one or other of the reactionary political parties, than by retaining group independence. The result of the election, as the *Canadian Forum* shows, was a return to a form of "stable" government under which once more the interests of the masses of the people of Canada can to a large extent be ignored. The principal measure of the session, the Budget (again according to the *Canadian Forum*) is designed to serve the ten per cent of the people of Canada who "command the influence of the press and the trade, manufacturing and financial organizations," and "are, therefore, the only classes that politicians ever take into account." The 90 per cent of the people who have no control over the political party machines, are given no effective relief.

We emphasize the views of the *Canadian Forum* because that periodical, published in Eastern Canada, is in no way associated with either the organized Farmers' movement or that of organized Labor. It is the organ of progressive university opinion, and numbers among its contributors economists and sociologists who are independent observers of the new developments in our political life.

Mr. Irvine's forceful article is written from the standpoint of a supporter of U.F.A. principles who has long been connected with our movement. The particular value of the article in the *Canadian Forum* lies in the fact that while it is not written from a U.F.A. standpoint, it provides independent testimony to the soundness of U.F.A. principles.

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"HIGH TREASON"

G. K. Chesterton, an eminent Englishman whose patriotism is above suspicion, and whose knowledge of the London newspaper world is intimate, states in the most recent issue of his paper that the "London Combine press . . . . . *is gunning for a war (with China) and . . . . . intriguing to save the bondholders' money at the expense of English lives and the good name of England.*" He declares that these papers "are guilty of high treason—treason infinitely blacker and more dangerous than that of the Communist leaders who spent some months in gaol." Mr. Chesterton concludes: "We submit to His Majesty's Government that the proprietors should be arrested."

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Some Canadian newspapers appear to be in danger of laying themselves open to a similar indictment to that of Mr. Chesterton against the wealthiest and least reputable section of the British press.

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J. P. Watson, staff correspondent of *The U.F.A.* in the press gallery at Edmonton, contributes to this issue the first of a number of articles on the new Legislature. Much important work in the agricultural committee has received little publicity. Mr. Watson will deal extensively with the work of this committee.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-Operation

TREBLE MEMBERSHIP BY DRIVE

Conjuring Creek U. F. A. Local, by means of a drive, brought up their membership from 17 to 51.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Eight Mile Local are conducting a membership drive which bids fair to bring in a large number of members, states the secretary, Mrs. Anna Goin.

INDEPENDENT LOCAL ORGANIZED

Independent Local was organized at a meeting of farmers in the Brightview district. E. J. Leeman and F. J. Greasy were elected officers.

BASSANO INCREASES MEMBERSHIP

Bassano U. F. A. Local recently sent into Central Office dues for 94 paid up members, an increase so far of 32 over last year.

ACTIVITIES AT CONSORT

Consort U. F. A. Local had several successful social evenings during the winter. The Junior Local has been revived, writes the secretary, W. A. Isaac, and took part in the last social.

SIMONETTE LOCAL

John P. Grant, who was the organizer in charge of the first meeting of Simonette Local, in the Grande Prairie district, was elected secretary. A. J. McLarty is president of the new Local.

GOOD MEETINGS AT STANMORE

Stanmore U. F. A. Local has had very good meetings during the winter, states Paul Meyer, secretary, with good attendance and debating of a high order.

AGAINST INCOME TAX REDUCTION

All members are interested in the work of the organization, according to a letter from Wilfred G. Pearce, Secretary of Earlie U. F. A. Local. A resolution was passed at a recent meeting protesting against the reduction in the Income Tax.

RAISE FUNDS FOR WIDOW

Delburne U. F. A. Local raised the sum of $136 by subscription in aid of the widow of one of their members who lost his life in an endeavor to rescue his children from a burning house. Two of the children perished with him.

MEETINGS AT UKRAINIA

Carl Axelson recently addressed a well attended meeting of Ukrainia U. F. A. Local at Mundare, forcefully advocating the need of organization to overcome the struggle and hardship which, he said, was the lot of the tillers of the soil.

MAINTAIN INTEREST AT WARNER

"So many farmers have left," writes John McNeill, organizer and secretary of the new Empress Local, "that we cannot possibly hope for a very large membership roll. In any case we hope to be fully alive and active, and make our Local a benefit to the members of the district."

JUNIOR CONFERENCE FUND 1927

Previously acknowledged	$95.00
April 6, Coilholme 508	5.00
April 7, Langford, 119	5.00
April 8, Science Mound, 1007	5.00
April 11, Crerar, 921	5.00
Total to date	$115.00

FORM WHEAT POOL LOCAL

Plainfield U. F. A. Local at their regular meeting formed a Wheat Pool Local, following an address by J. J. Strang, Wheat Pool director. "Mr Strang gave us a splendid address on the work of the Pool and what the U. F. A. had done for the farmers," writes A. MacMillan, secretary.

KERNDALE PRESENTS TWO PLAYS

Two plays, "The Three Applicants" and "The Irish Linen Peddler," were successfully put on during the winter by Kerndale U. F. A. Local. As only $2.00 in fees is charged to each member, the Local funds are raised through the efforts of the entertainment committee.

A CORRECTION

C. Dawson, of Ardenode Local, writes that a statement which appeared in the annual report of the Senior Committee on Junior Work, referring to the Pilot Light Junior U. A. as composed of three Locals needs correction. The fourth Local in the association, Ardenode, was not mentioned in the report.

DEBATES AT WARNER

At a special meeting of the Warner U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Locals recently the ladies put on a debate on poultry, writes Rolan A. Warren, president, and the men debated on horse versus tractor farming. The program was brought to a close by a dialogue by the Junior girls, "Just Like a Woman."

PLAN TO BUILD HALL

Hazel Bluff U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Locals are well organized for the year's work, writes Mrs. Bella Lyons, corresponding secretary. A social in January held by the U. F. A. Local realized $30.00, and a buffalo supper in March put on by the two Locals made $70.00. "We are planning on building a U. F. A. Hall, so have to keep busy," explains Mrs. Lyons.

TWO DEBATES IN MARCH

Fairacres Local held two debates during March, according to a report from the secretary, D. Warwick, on the subjects "Resolved that Oriental immigration in Canada should be prohibited," and "Resolved that co-operation has done more good in the world than competition." The affirmative won the decision in both cases.

Have you contributed to the Junior Conference Fund?

PRIZES AT MASKED DANCE

Miss Siebal and Mr. Hogg won prizes for the best costumes at a masked dance given by the Chain Lakes U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals. Music was supplied by Mrs. G. Banner and R. Fimbres, Mrs. C. Chapman and C. Clarke relieving. The proceeds were devoted to payment of the expenses of delegates to the last Annual Convention.

NORMANDEAU SPEAKS ON U.F.A. AIMS AND IDEALS

"Members of Magloire Local" writes the secretary, T. K. Gour, "wish to express their thanks to the U.F.A. Central Board for the series of meetings held in Falher district during March. Mr. Louis Normandeau addressed the meetings in French, and his forceful presentation of U.F.A. aims and ideals, also his persuasive eloquence, were effective in organizing two new Locals in our district."

TOUR THROUGH LETHBRIDGE NORTHERN DISTRICT

J. A. Johansen, U.F.A. Director, has recently completed a trip through the Lethbridge Northern district, where he spoke at Picture Butte, Commerce, Iron Springs, and Sterling, and at Nosland school where a new Local was organized. As the attendance was small at the Nosland meeting, it was decided to postpone election of permanent officers.

GRIMM ALFALFA SEED GROWERS

The Grimm Alfalfa Seed Growers Association in 1926 marketed 325,000 lbs. of seed, nearly five times the output of the first year, 1923. Thomas Wilkes was made manager of the association at a recent board meeting, to take the place of Don H. Bark, of the C. P. R. staff, whose services had been given without charge to the growers since the organization was formed.

HAVE PRINTED PROGRAM

Morris Local have printed a small card giving in convenient form the program of meetings from April to December. Topics for discussion at the meetings include preparation of soils; breeds, feeding and marketing of hogs; chicken rearing; prairie trees, fruits and gardens; lectures, "Evolution" and "Origin of Alberta Soils"; a debate with the U.F.W.A. Local on the division of the Farm Income, and a debate with Munson Local.

Don't forget the date of the University Week for Farm Young People, June 8th to 14th.

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

Alberta will spend $2,400,000 on highways and bridges the coming year, according to a statement made by Hon. G. S. McPherson, Minister of Public Works. This will include $1,000,000 on main highways, $650,000 on market roads, the balance being on maintenance, and on construction and maintenance of bridges

New U.F.A. Locals

J. A. Johansen was the organizer of a new Local at Newlands, whose officers are Ed. Peacock and John Green.

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Hamilton Local was organized recently in the Manyville district, with John Hanley as secretary and J. Clark as president.

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Louis Normandeau was the organizer of Ballateur Local, in the Father district, N. Verdon and Geo. Dupuy were elected officers.

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At a meeting called for the purpose on March 28th, a new U.F.A. Local was organized at Bonalto, with R. Black as secretary.

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Sunrise Local, near Wetaskiwin, was organized by Carl Axelson. R. E. Clyde is the secretary and F. Burlin the president.

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Beaumont U. F. A. Local was organized recently by Louis Normandeau, with ten paid up members. P. J. Demers is the secretary.

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N. E. Steeves, organizer of a new Local in Redcliff constituency, named the Buffalo Emslie Local, was elected its first president. R. J. Elliot is the secretary.

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Mayfield Local, organized by E. D. Garneau recently in the Wainwright district, has as officers Raymond Garneau and Jas. Nicholson.

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The most northerly U.F.A. Local was organized recently at Fort Vermilion, (Tp. 108, R. 12, W. 5th), by H. L. Partch. Sheridan Laurence is president and D. E. Uis secretary.

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Louis Normandeau was the organizer of a new Local at Lamoureux, with sixteen paid up members. Henry Boisjoli was elected president and Omer Villeneuve secretary of the new organization.

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A. F. Aitken organized a new U. F. A. Local near Manville recently, to be known as Bloomington Heights Local. Dan Hunt is president and Mrs. Emily Thompson secretary.

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Battleford U. F. A. Local was organized in the Wainwright district with fourteen paid up members, by J. W. Neal, later elected as president. W. A. Alexander is secretary.

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McMurray and Waterways Local, some two hundred miles south and about three hundred miles east of Fort Vermilion, and the second most northerly outpost of the U.F.A., was organized recently by Glenn Carpender, formerly U.F.A. director for East Calgary. Messrs. Moore, Newson and Bell are the officers of the new Local.

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Stewartfield is the name of a new U. F. A. Local in the Pembina constituency. "The names on the membership roll," writes Frank W. Wiggins, secretary, "include every resident in Stewartfield proper with one exception. Our inaugural meeting was a great success, every man in our little settlement turning out. Our district has plenty of room for new settlers and it is hoped to add such one to our Local as they arrive." Harold P. Jones was elected president.

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Following a visit by Carl Axelson, a new Local was organized at Sunnydale, with 24 members. R. C. Craigie is president and Mrs. S. J. Wood secretary. Besides the $2.00 for Central Office, members were asked to pay only 50 cents each, writes Mrs. Wood, the intention being to raise more by entertainments, and a whist drive and dance was arranged for that purpose. A collection was taken up to pay for Hansard for the use of the Local during the balance of the session. Three neighboring Locals have been invited to assist in planning a big rally during the summer.

Urge Medical Examination of All Immigrants at Point of Departure

Resolution Passed by Alberta Legislature Asks Important Reform—Bill to Sterilize Mentally Unfit Before the Public for Consideration

Medical examination at the point of departure of all immigrants destined for Canada, and the issue of a certificate certifying physical and mental fitness, was urged in a resolution moved in the Alberta Assembly at the recent session, by the Hon. George Hoadley, seconded by Mrs. Parlby.

The Minister briefly set out the provisions of the resolution, which asked that the work of examination be placed under the Federal Department of Health instead of the Department of Immigration, and that all costs for the maintenance of and treatment of any immigrant entering Canada and bearing such certificate and becoming a public charge after admission to this country are fairly chargeable to the Federal Department of Colonization until such time as deportation can be effected.

The Minister detailed the method in vogue at present, stating it to be voluntary and wholly inadequate. On the continent it was carried out by the rail way companies, but in the old land Canada had two medical men engaged on this work. On arrival it might be an easy matter to detect certain forms of ill-health, but in the cases of mental deficiency examination could not be as successful in the time available. Canadian doctors should also be employed, as they would be sympathetic.

Heavy costs were borne by municipalities and by the Province on account of the increasingly large number of foreign born who became a charge on account of mental and physical trouble.

The resolution was as follows:

Whereas, the Federal Department of Immigration and Colonization has full authority in dealing with the admission of immigrants into Canada; and

Whereas, it is of the most vital importance to the future of this country that those permitted to enter Canada and become citizens should be physically and mentally fit; and

Whereas, under present conditions, the burden and charge of the physically and mentally unfit falls heavily on Provincial and Municipal authorities; and

Whereas, a survey of the patients in the Mental Hospitals of this Province has shown that seventy-two per cent of such patients were not born in Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Government urge upon the Government of Canada the desirability of providing, without further delay, through the Department of Health, for a compulsory physical and mental examination by competent physicians of all immigrants at medical examination centres to be set up in the Old Country and on the Continent; the present system not being compulsory nor as thorough as desirable;

And that no immigrant be permitted to enter Canada unless bearing a medical certificate issued by such competent medical authority that he or she has been examined and found to be physically and mentally fit;

And further that all costs for the maintenance and treatment of any immigrant who enters Canada bearing such medical certificate and becomes a public charge after admission to this country are fairly chargeable to the Federal Department of Immigration and Colonization until such time as deportation can be effected.

Joseph T. Shaw, Bow Valley, (Liberal), was not particularly enthusiastic about passing resolutions placing duties on other Governments and especially when expenditures of money were involved. He was of the opinion that the Department of Immigration at Ottawa was already taking this question under advisement. He was not opposing the resolution, but thought these gestures futile. There were often other contributory causes arising through conditions here a long time after the immigrant's arrival.

George Webster, Calgary, (Liberal), joined with those who desired to keep out undesirable immigrants who would become a burden on the municipalities. He suggested a time limit of some kind. After Col. Weaver and L. A. Giroux had spoken, the Minister consented to insert a few words making it clear that after the issue of a certificate the Ottawa Government were liable, should the immigrant enter Canada and later become a burden.

The amendments were accepted and the resolution passed.

A bill dealing with the sterilization of the mentally unfit was read a first time, Mr. Hoadley explaining that it would not be pushed beyond second reading at the session, and the bill is now printed and available for discussion by public bodies and the citizens in general. It is anticipated that the bill will be revived at the next session, when its provisions will have been considered, by the citizens.

INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES

A total of 322 companies were incorporated or registered in Alberta during 1926, with a total capitalization of $66,710,000.

Have you selected your delegate for the University Week for Farm Young People, and the U.F.A. Junior Conference?

The Session of the Legislature in Retrospect

Impressions of an Onlooker in the Press Gallery — *By JAMES F. WATSON, Staff Correspondent*

What Has Been Accomplished?—Higher Standards in Debate—The Work of the Committees—How Personalities in the Assembly—A Newspaper-made Reputation

The question which naturally arises in the mind of the layman, after the fuss and fury of battle is over, is, "What has been accomplished?" The U.F.A. member will more particularly want to know what has been gained because of his, or her, own efforts in financing and conducting election campaigns. Has all the expenditure of time and money been justified? Personally, I feel that the standard of political life has been raised immeasurably. The new orientation, so called by the last opposition in a spirit of sneering ridicule, has taken root indeed, and both sides of the Assembly reflect its beneficent establishment. Public opinion, in the last analysis, has forced aspirants for political honors to discard abuse, and make more serious effort to apply and maintain simon pure business procedure. This is all to the good from a progressive standpoint.

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Men like Weaver, Duggan and Irwin, on the Conservative benches, are an acquisition to any legislative body. The Liberals also, were wise in their day in choosing men of solid calibre, with one exception, perhaps, to the shame of the electors of the north.

By the work of the men on the Labor benches, increased in number by one hundred per cent, the working people whose organizations sent these men there have been repaid manyfold already, if for no other reason than the incessant vigilance and activity maintained regarding matters affecting the well-being of the wage-earner. There are no better fighters in the Assembly, and a noticeable feature this session, more so than in the past, has been the uncompromising attitude adopted on occasions when Labor legislation was under review. Labor has never been considered an opposition party in the Assembly, and yet no opposition party hit harder at the Government benches at times than did the group of six on the sandwiched benches.

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Some efforts were made by the new Conservative leader to swing procedure back into the devious byways of partisan strife. The surprising thing to me was the shallowness of this much-heralded champion of the great and the near great. I confess grievous disappointment. His oratory was of the glamorous kind, but the subject matter resembled the essay of juniors on the glories of our dear homeland. Of course Mr. McGillivray can be excused on account of the lack of time afforded him because of the tremendous capacity for work of the Premier, who set the pace. Studying the two at work or when walking on the street I was impressed by the similarity between this pair and that between Lincoln and Douglas. Long legs and short, direct and forceful speech versus star-spangled oratory, depth and information versus superficial application and oceans of misinformation. Never was contrast so remarkable, and yet to read the afternoon paper, which is the mouthpiece of Mr. McGillivray's hopes and aspirations, it would appear that the world at last had been truly saved by the unveiling of this Conservative Demosthenes in the halls of administration. Alas for human gullibility!

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No man in the Legislature took more grief than did Joseph T. Shaw. From all sides of the Assembly it bathed him in lurid splendor. What glorious aloofness! What splendid isolation! Everybody seemed to have an inordinate desire to kick *somebody* else's hound around. But, on sober reflection, Joseph T. was not out to destroy with ruthless hand as was the leader of the Conservatives. The casus belli which brought the skeletons out of cupboards was after all merely the aftermath of a condition in which the zeal of the Liberal house had eaten him up. This much must be conceded—Joseph T. Shaw gets down to dig. He works hard, and the closing days of the session saw him at his best, and stoned in the eyes of many for the mistaken policies of the earlier days.

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Coming to the Government side, one naturally looks to the newcomer in order to judge whether or not the spirit of the movement has found renewed expression in the individuals chosen by the organized farmers last summer. Has the front line been strengthened or weakened by the changes recently made? How do the Minister of Public Works and the new Attorney General show up in the first general assay of the stuff which may, or may not make statesmen?

Not being a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, I merely say that time alone will justify or reverse first conclusions. Like Col. Weaver, Mr. Lymburn has a natural shyness, which militated somewhat against the effectiveness of his delivery, and oftentimes his utterances were made in such a low tone as to be inaudible in the press gallery. Toward the end of the session, when real business was under way, Mr. Lymburn showed to better advantage than in the whirl of debate. Private members report that apart from the Attorney-General's work in the Assembly his assistance in the preliminary surveys incidental to making new legislation foolproof has been most valuable, and they do not hesitate to commend him highly on that account. There is one thing which, more than any other, points to the awakening of the people of the cities, and that is the fact that Mr. Lymburn is not, strictly speaking, the choice of a U.F.A. convention, but is in reality the unanimous choice of the people of the city of Edmonton. It may be that his being seated among the representatives of a new idea is indicative of the fact that the appeal of the U.F.A. for better methods in the political life of the Province, has begun to bear fruit.

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No U.F.A. member needs any word from me as to the capacity of the new Minister of Public Works. Mr. McPherson won his spurs long ago, and his record speaks for itself. His task is important and the work so well begun by Mr. Ross has to be continued and enlarged to meet expanding requirements. In the Legislature the Minister shows up fairly well, his quiet manner and rather detailed explanatory method forming a striking contrast to the noise and fury of some members opposite.

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Away back as far as possible out of the draughts sat the seven new U.F.A. private members, Allen, Walker, Delisle, McCool, Breton, Hennig and Mihalcheon, one or two of whom already accept the dictum that the world can't be turned upside down right off the bat. The others have at least five years in which to gain first hand information. There's a sort of unwritten law that freshmen should be seen, not heard. At that, though, the Legislature was enriched by the speeches on the particular problems of their constituencies, delivered by the new members, but when they went wider afield, they seemed to get the cold shoulder, and the reaction was quite noticeable.

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I may be prejudiced, and then again I may not, but the impression left on me as a whole amounts to this: The session resembled a gigantic courtroom, with the back benchers comprising the jury, the play revolving around three or four legal stars of supposedly first magnitude. The poor public had become the prisoner at the bar, and, I had begun to fear, if not rescued might be sent down the line to pick oakum while the old partisan fiddle was being tuned up once more in anticipation of a reversion to the old days of "business government." It was a decided relief to me when plain men like W. H. Shield and Sam Brown would step in with a few plain words and bring the gathering back to its senses. There's a good hand or two at the throttle yet, if you don't mind a few mixed metaphors.

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Some leaders are born, others are made—by the simple, yet noble, art of press-agenting. I relate a case in point, one which reveals the subtle influence of the typewriter under the touch of a capable and scientific hand. A. A. McGillivray had spoken—nine short, sharp sentences. It mattered not that these contained no basis in fact, no constructive purpose. It mattered only that they contained words condemnatory of group action, condemnatory of the Government of the day, words selected a la soap-box in a cold blooded abandonment of reckless irresponsibility. Nothing of value had been contributed to the debate, not the faintest ray of intellectual light had been focussed on the problems under review. And yet, godwot, believe it or not, between the moment of declamatory utterance and the going to press of the *Herald*, the master hand of the scribe had transformed this brief harangue into a masterpiece of oratory, and woven a halo of glory around the sanctified head of

the previous leader—"for you and all to see."

Perhaps you have read that stirring issue, which seemed to transport you again to the youthful tales of derring-do, when the true knight-errant fared forth to fight for God and King and lady fair. But you did not know as you read, how much was really due to the flashing sword of the new St. George, nor how much was the work of the master artist who, behind the scenes, had taken the few sentences of the leader as a text on which to hang a column or two of fantastic word-painting. I confess my own hair rose in wonderment at the achievement. I do not mean to say that the Conservative leader did not at any time speak more than a few sentences. Not at all. Sometimes he spoke volumes (printed within quotation marks). I merely refer to one specific occasion to back up my contention that some leaders are made—not born.

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The vote which followed the introduction of Fred White's cadet training resolution on the last day of the session, and to which D. C. Breton, Ledue, had moved an amendment, was notable for the division along non-party lines. This was the only real non-party division of the whole session. Because of that we publish the vote as recorded in the Journals of the Assembly. For Mr. Breton's amendment—"that the present system of cadet training be retained and that it be made plain to all parents and school boards that it is in no way compulsory," those who voted were: Messrs. V. W. Smith, Brownlee, Lymburn, McPherson, Baker, Sparks, Galbraith, Love, Forster, McKeen, Sanders, Joly, Andrews, Hennig, Breton, McCool, Delisle, Allen (all U.F.A.); Giroux, Shaw, Boudreau, Frame, Prevey (Liberals); and McGillivray, Weaver and Duggan (Conservatives). Those who voted against Mr. Breton's amendment were: Messrs. Reid, Hoadley, Mrs. Parlby, Messrs. N. S. Smith, Shield, Carson, Claypool, Farquharson, Peterson, W. C. Smith, G. W. Smith, Easmanuer, Proudfoot, Connor, Washburn, Brown, Mihalcheon (U.F.A.) and White, Gibbs, Smeaton, Pattinson and Parkyn (Labor). Paired, in favor of the amendment: Pingle, Liberal; against, Christophers, Labor.

As reported last week, the matter was shelved by Mr. Smeaton's moving the adjournment of the debate.

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It may be supposed by many that because the daily sittings of the Legislature do not begin until 3 p.m., members must have an excess of leisure. That is not so, because after the first few days subsequent to the opening, committee-work begins. Committees of the Assembly are selected to deal with specific subjects—Municipal Law Committee to deal with matters affecting municipalities, city charters, etc.; Legal Bills Committee to deal with bills having a strictly legal aspect; Railway Committee to deal with railway matters, and other committees similarly constructed.

Two committees comprise the entire membership of the Assembly. One of these committees is known as the Agriculture and Colonization Committee. This committee, under the chairmanship this year of Donald Cameron, Elnora, is not, as the name would imply, chosen to deal with what might be termed strictly agricultural matters. It is given power to deal with any and every matter placed before it, provided only that the subject is not one for which there is a specific committee already appointed.

During the session just ended, this committee called witnesses to deal with a variety of subjects, such as Education, Fire Insurance, Live Stock, Illustrated Lectures on Grasses and Field Crops, Workmen's Compensation, criteria for certain disabilities, Cadet Training, State Fire Insurance, Theatre and Movie Censorship, the Liquor Act, and a number of other things which entered as side issues during the progress of the hearings. Witnesses, voluntary and otherwise, attended, one on the movie question from as far east as Toronto, which proves the impelling force of the economic urge, when one's graft is supposed to be endangered.

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Once or twice during the sittings, especially when problems affecting Labor were under review, every available seat in the Chamber was occupied. When the question of the Liquor Act was before the Committee, one of the big galleries was filled as well, which is rather unusual for a morning hearing. During consideration of Cadet Training the spectacle was witnessed of two reverend gentlemen taking opposing sides, each claiming "authority" and experience one for and one against the continuance of this form of training, the proponent being Bishop Gray and the opponent Rev. Mr. Priestly. Sometimes the committee merely heard the witnesses, taking no further action in the matter. On other occasions the fullest discussion took place after the witnesses had been dismissed and resolutions were passed "recommending" to the Assembly the urgency of a specific course of action.

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It is the intention of the writer, insofar as space will permit, from time to time, to review the work of these committees, as it sometimes happened that questions of much more moment were handled there than is the Assembly paper on the same date. Several questions took four or five sittings before the members were able to consider them finally disposed of. In this first article I would like to give a brief review of one particular sitting, dealing wholly with matters educational. This is the subject of the article on the work of the Agricultural Committee appearing below.

Problems of Education in the Rural Districts

An Outline of the Important Inquiry by a Committee of the Legislative Assembly Into a Perennial Question

One of the most important discussions of the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature, at the recent session, was concerned with problems of education in the rural districts.

Dr. Coffin, of Calgary Normal School, had been called as a witness to give information on the question of provision for more practice teaching in rural schools, the question being introduced at the instance of A. G. Andrews, Sedgewick. Chief Inspector of High Schools Gorman gave testimony relating to municipal high school units as the solution for the rural high school problem, and the Deputy Minister, Mr. Ross, was on the stand on almost all the questions introduced.

The committee also took up consideration, on the motion of Karl Cook, Pincher Creek, seconded by John C. Buckley, Gleichen, of the question of the splitting up of existing school districts caused by the influx of colonies of Hutterites. The entire questions were finally passed on to a sub-committee, which reported on the last day of the session, its work not having been completed.

THE QUESTION OF PRACTICE TEACHING

On the question of practice teaching, Dr. Coffin said, "I have felt for some time in this Province as well in other Provinces and most States, that so far as rural schools go they are getting a raw deal in regard to teacher training. Because of that difficulty some years ago I sent a questionnaire to 50 normal schools and received replies from 30, and only in 5 or 6 was there any semblance of training for rural schools. Most of it was done through a sort of post graduate high school course. In some respects our training is a little bit topsy turvey. In the rural districts is where 80 per cent of our students begin and the majority finish in the cities and towns, so as a matter of fact the city gets the benefit of the rural experience—a sort of extension of the Normal Training course.

CALGARY PROVISION QUITE INADEQUATE

"We have at the Normal School in Calgary a provision for two rural school courses but it is quite inadequate. 50 per cent of our students go out to the rural schools and not more than 50 per cent can take advantage of that on account of the shortness of time and if there could be provision made for perhaps a system of rural schools within easy reach that training could be very much improved. Of course the difficulty is with only a short eight months course all the teachers in training are practising at once. I do not know if you will find that condition outside of the Western Provinces, but where the whole student body to the number of three or four hundred are practising at once it is difficult to provide for them and difficult to make any departure from that with an eight months course, but I think it is obvious that the very best training that could be given would be more Rural experience, not only from the point of view of actual technique and content of the work, but also in consideration of the need of developing what is somewhat indefinitely called rural mindedness.

"We get at least 40 per cent of our students from Calgary alone, either resident there or having spent two or three years in High School and most students look forward to coming into towns as soon as they can. They find it difficult to go out to rural schools. While I am emphasizing that I do not know that I am committed to rural practice schools on school grounds. That would be a make-shift for it is not a rural situation. To work out some scheme would mean considerable departure from our present routine, but I notice in British Columbia

they spend a week at a time in a rural or city school. The rural problem is not so great there as it is here. The students we have spend two days in the rural schools, as many as we can accommodate."

NEED LONG FELT, SAYS MINISTER

After questions by Mrs. Parlby and J. T. Shaw, to which Dr. Coffin replied, the Minister of Education, Mr. Baker, said, "The necessity or desirability for having teachers better trained for the work they actually have to do when they begin teaching has long been felt by anyone who thinks at all about education. It is difficult within very many driving distance of, say Calgary, to find enough rural one room schools that are accessible. This matter had not escaped the attention of the Department by any means and I had almost come to the definite decision that we must make an attempt, probably beginning this coming Normal School year, to do something in this matter, and the scheme that has appealed to me, if it can be worked out, is that we should either at the end of the Normal term or as it appears to me preferable, sometime during the term, send all these teachers out for a couple of weeks into a rural school, perhaps two and two, into schools recommended by the various inspectors as being in the hands of teachers capable of giving direction and assistance to the student who goes out. The term would probably need to be correspondingly increased in length. It will make some greater demand on the students to finance themselves, but the fees are very low. The cost to the student now, apart from subsistence, is not very high and I think we are coming to the time when we might, without decreasing too much our supply of teachers, demand a little further training than we have been getting. Just how feasible this scheme will prove to be we cannot tell until we get into it a little further. I would mention such a scheme as contemplative."

STANDARDS FOR ENTRANCE TO NORMAL

In reply to Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Coffin outlined his opinions on the questions of standards for entrance to Normal, as to age, academic training, and more discrimination with regard to the loan to Normal students. He said people from abroad were often appalled at the youth of our students, and commended the Department for having got back to the restriction in the matter of age limit to 18 years. Grade XII should be the minimum requirement for Normal entrance, and he urged the making it a condition that during the last year at High School the students know definitely whether they are going to try teaching or not, this to be accomplished by the expedient of what he termed "mutual" teaseling.

Pupils had the notion, wherever they got they idea, that by taking out a loan they were sure to get through and obtain a school. Last year 8 or 10 students who had saddled themselves with loans, turned out to be deplorable failures. Discrimination was difficult; as to prophesy, with 400 students at the commencement it was impossible. He had suggested that no money should be advanced until after Christmas, and felt that the better plan would be to advance money only on a scholarship basis. Some people thought that the requirements for passing out were too stringent.

Mr. Ross, the Deputy Minister, gave further evidence along this line, after which a number of questions were asked, and the matter of rural high schools was taken up.

THE QUESTION OF MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Sam Brown, High River (U.F.A.), said: "We have, in our scheme of education, made provision to a considerable extent covering the education in cities, towns and villages and it is easy for the poor man to have his children educated, but there is another class of children to whom this education is not brought close enough. I refer to the children outside the boundaries of village or town whose parents are not able to send them to the high school. They may live five miles from the nearest graded school. I understand there is some legislation on the statute books at the present time for the joining together of four or more school districts to form a high school, but I understand few of these districts take advantage of these facilities?"

Mr. Gorman, Chief Inspector of High Schools: "I think it can be said with all truth that the boy or girl with only a public school training today is under a handicap and the need is plain, but I do not believe that a change can be made unless it is regarded as a public responsibility. I do not think it can be made with our presently organized school system. I say that for this reason, the individual rural school district is small in area; its resources are limited in the same way as its boundaries and the kind of service it can do is limited. . . . Where High School instruction is introduced into the rural school I do not think the people are satisfied with the result they have obtained. . . . I think nothing but the 9th Grade should be admitted. Occasionally 10 has been admitted, but it cannot be done unless under the authorization of the Inspector, and I think he too is pressed into giving the authorization because he knows there is nothing else available.

RURAL CONSOLIDATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

"A few years ago it was thought by bringing a number of school districts into association and bringing the children all together that would be a saving and give a better type of teaching. We have about 65 of these schools, but I do not think there is any inclination to increase the number. The financing is heavy and the long distances the children have to travel does not commend itself to parents. We have five of these rural consolidations for high school purposes. The idea is to operate one school at which high school training shall be made available and concentrate the students of all districts who have reached that stage in these schools. They are largely successful and are bringing excellent results. The legislation has been in force about six years and three were secured in the last two years. . ."

Mr. Galbraith: "Are there high school taxes separate from public school?"

Mr. Gorman: "In the operation of these rooms for high school purposes the cost is distributed over the districts entering into the consolidation on the basis of assessed values. It does not go above $5 per quarter section. I think this is a splendid solution, but it is difficult to bring it into expression. We have tried out 100 cases to get these five. I think this is the way people reason. A man thinks you really are asking him to sign for an annual subscription to provide high school education for a certain number of children in a limited area. . . . We require 25 per cent of the ratepayers to subscribe to the scheme before it is voted on, when it requires an over-all vote of the districts.

NEVER EXCEEDED $5 PER QUARTER SECTION

Mr. Smith: "What has been the effect where these consolidated schools have been organized in regard to the cost of the upkeep?"

Mr. Gorman: "It has never exceeded $5 per quarter section on the land in the districts so consolidated."

Mr. Brown: "How are the trustees appointed?"

Mr. Gorman: "One trustee selected from each of the boards of the districts in the consolidation."

Chairman: "How many do you need to have registered as high school students?"

Mr. Gorman: "Fifteen, but they may include students of Grade VIII in order to make up that number."

Mr. Mihalcheon: "How large should these districts be?"

Mr. Gorman: "Four or five. The idea is the transportation problem is more or less eliminated as the older children are able to make their own way to and from school."

Mr. Andrews: "Do you not think that the fact that teachers are allowed to take high school work up to Grade X has some effect in regard to making provision for these high schools?"

Mr. Proudfoot: "I think we should hear Mr. Gorman's ideas on the subject."

PRESENT MACHINERY WON'T MEET NEED

Mr. Gorman: "I think if we reach the point where we can agree that there is a real need for high school instruction, and I think that is pretty clear, we must face making high school instruction available. I do not believe we can make it available with the machinery we have. . . . I do not believe in many cases people will vote themselves into a narrow scheme like the consolidated schools although it works very well where we have got it. . . .

"I believe if the high schools became a municipal responsibility a tax rate over the municipality could be made to take care of high school needs. In that way we would be able to make some progress. I think the only way will be to spread it over the whole municipality. It might be that a working arrangement can be made with some of the towns and villages, but the trouble is now the towns and villages have gone as far as they need to go to meet their own requirements and they are not going to extend to take outsiders at less than cost."

Nelson Smith: "In that scheme do you suggest that the rural school in all its phases should come under the Municipal board, or is that for high school work only?"

Mr. Gorman: "I would separate the two for the reason that I think the other scheme is probably more than any person can reasonably expect to see brought about, although my complete convictions are if we are going to make any outstanding progress we need a larger administrative type of unit for all types of schools."

Mr. Roseborough, of Strathcona High School, spoke with regard to examination requirements, and made a number of suggestions in that regard. Mr. Barnett, of the Teachers' Alliance, enlarged on the suggestion of larger school areas, and the committee then discussed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS Colonies of Hutterites have settled in the Province and ob-

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The Advantages of Independent Economic Groups

By Wm. IRVINE, M.P.

The present session of Parliament is drawing to a close. There is a general agreement to prorogue on April 14th. The estimates have scarcely been touched at the time of writing and the Imperial Conference discussion is still before the House. It would appear, therefore, that about $300,000,000, of estimates will be rushed through in a few days, or perhaps hours, without understanding or sufficient consideration.

The U. F. A. group endeavored to correct the present practice in respect of estimates when the rules of the House were being revised. Mr. Coote moved that the estimates for the year be divided among the standing committees of Parliament, thus saving time, since the committees could sit simultaneously. Some procedure of this sort would be more efficient too, because the officials of the various Departments could appear before the committees and give desired information, whereas under the present practice the Minister alone can be questioned and he, as a rule, knows little more about the details of proposed expenditure than the ordinary member. Evidently the Government finds the present practice more serviceable to party ends. For notwithstanding the appeal of the Speaker of the House to adopt Mr. Coote's proposal, Hon. Mr. Lapointe, speaking for the Government, refused to entertain the idea. So the old system goes on. Anything less businesslike or less efficient would be difficult to imagine.

ALL CAME FROM FARMER MEMBERS

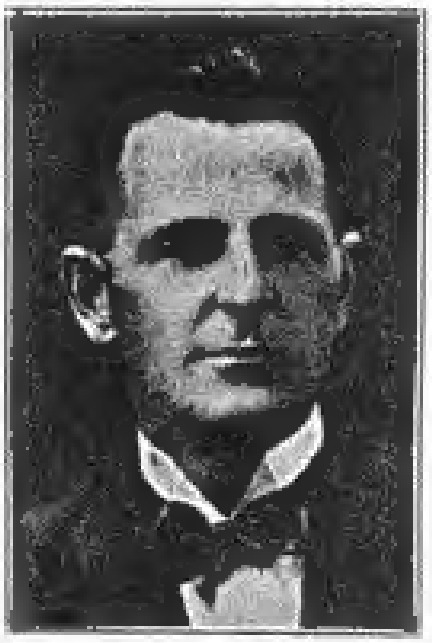
This session has been singularly free from anything original or daring on the part of the administration. The outstanding legislative measures have been those of last year. In this connection it must be observed that the Old Age Pension Bill, the Rural Credits Bill, the proposed amendment to the Grain Act and similar measures all came from the Farmer members who, owing to the peculiar political situation in 1926, held the balance of power. Under their influence the Liberal Government was forced to adopt the legislative program of the co-operating Independent Groups. So popular was the program that by it the Liberal Party won a victory in the last election in spite of some embarrassing complications. Being so completely committed to that program which, in fact, had in some cases passed both Houses, the Government could not escape from it.

The truth of the matter is, however, that the harvest of this session is the fruit of the efforts of Independent Groups in the historic session of the last Parliament; although their efforts may never be fully acknowledged.

The Farmers' movement in the three Western Provinces in particular, should reflect seriously upon the above fact. While the Farmer Members of Parliament remained separate from the Liberal Party, they had a power even greater than their numerical strength would warrant. They actually pushed the Government forward through untrodden paths of progressive legislation. Then came an election. Rt. Hon. Wm. L. Mackenzie King came West on the wings of a Macedonian call. He pleaded that farmers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan should send Liberals to strengthen the hands of the Liberal Party in giving legislation beneficial to agriculture. Mr. Robert Forke, now Hon. Robert Forke, responded with his followers to this call, with the immediate result that as soon as Mr. Mackenzie King found himself with a Liberal majority his bowels of mercy closed.

DESTROYED FARMERS' STRATEGIC POSITION

Now the point of all this is that without Mr. Forke and the Farmer members who followed him into the Liberal camp, the Liberal Government would still be depending upon Farmer and other groups for its life. Holding such a position,



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further advances along the forward course of the United Farmers program could and would have been made. But the entrance of Mr. Forke and a few followers into the Liberal Party destroyed the strategic position of Progressive Groups, and the only compensating issue of the political nuptials was a Cabinet position for Mr. Forke.

One Farmer member outside the Liberal party is worth twenty Farmer members inside the Liberal Party. A Liberal Premier get his majority and not only gives nothing, but uses that majority, made possible by Farmer members, to vote down tariff reduction so much desired by the agricultural industry.

PATH NOW NO LONGER OBSCURE

The path which was, to many, obscure a year ago, is now clear. Economic Groups, independent of either party are the only objective worth while. These groups did more for agriculture in one session than Mr. Forke and his followers, as Liberals, will do in a thousand years.

In this connection may I be permitted to repeat at this time an editorial from the Canadian Forum under the caption "The Farmers' Friends," which appeared in your last issue:

> "In our new Parliament the various groups that claim to represent the farmers' interests include the Liberals, the Liberal-Progressives, and the Progressive, U. F. A., and Labor members, making a total of 150 odd out of the 245 elected representatives. When the budget was brought down and was found to provide none of the tariff relief for the farmer that was promised him in the election speeches of these 150 members, Mr. Coote brought in an amendment, the gist of it being 'that this House regrets that the budget . . . contains no effective provision for the reduction in the high cost of living insofar as such is due to the protective tariff.' Everyone knew that Mr. Coote's amendment had not one chance in a thousand of getting through the House; but the vote on it effectively demonstrated who are the true representatives of the farmer's interests, and we take pleasure in recording the names of the 21 members who stood by their election pledges: Messrs. Adshead, Bird, Campbell, Carmichael, Coote, Evans, Fansher (Last Mountain) Fansher (Lambton East), Gardiner, Garland (Bow River), Heaps, Irvine, Jelliff, Kellner, Kennedy, Lucas, Luchkovich, (Miss) Macphail, Spinkman, Spencer and Woodsworth. The Liberals and Liberal-Progressives joined with the Conservatives in voting against the amendment en bloc."

WHAT IS CANADA'S REAL STATUS?

The report of the Imperial Conference is now being discussed. The action of the Government in respect thereto is as difficult to understand as it is to understand what the real status of Canada is, while the Prime Minister, who has declared on every occasion that he is the defender of democracy and an advocate of the supremacy of Parliament, has refused to give Parliament the chance to ratify or to refuse the deliberations of the Imperial Conference. The report of the conference is now being discussed on a motion to go into supply. The Leader of the Opposition was quick to move an amendment which reads in part as follows:

> "That it is not desirable that this House should be deemed tacitly to have acquiesced in the declarations and recommendations contained in the report of the proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926."
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> The amendment further declares that nothing of the Imperial Conference decisions shall become binding upon the Parliament of Canada "until approved by a formal resolution of this House; and that until such approval is obtained this Government shall not be deemed to be authorized to take any steps to carry into effect the recommendations contained in said report."

I have heard scores of speeches both in and out of Parliament having to do with

the cultural status of Canada. Some of the ablest constitutional lawyers hold that Canada is a free and sovereign state within a Commonwealth of Nations, while others equally able hold the view that Canada is a part of the British Empire. I do not know yet what our status really is, but I surmise that neither of these above positions is held by Canada, but that we are in the process of becoming a nation, while we are legally and constitutionally involved in imperialism.

So far as I am able to judge there was little of importance accomplished at the last Imperial Conference, but that the sentiment or tendency appeared to be in the right direction. Accordingly, we were prepared to support the ratification of the report. But the Prime Minister assumes the right to secret diplomacy; assumes the right to commit Canada to certain proposals without the consent of Parliament. In this way we are giving up a liberty which may be of great service than say to be expected from an Imperial Conference. As to whether or not the Prime Minister will yield to our appeal for the submission to Parliament of all international proposals whatsoever, is yet in doubt. It is expected that the vote on Mr. Guthrie's amendment will come next Tuesday.

[Amendment defeated.—Ed.]

Immediate Action Necessary to Eradicate the Wheatstem Sawfly

General Infestation of Wheat Fields Will Take Place Unless Farmers Make United Effort to Destroy Pest — How To Go About It.

By Prof. E. H. STRICKLAND, University of Alberta

For the past four years we have advised farmers of Alberta to be on the watch for the first signs of Wheatstem Sawfly damage around the edges of their wheat-fields.

Inconsiderable as may appear to be the losses occasioned when a few fallen stems are seen, year after year, at the edges of the fields only, their presence is a certain precursor of severe losses in the near future unless every effort is made to eradicate the sawfly before it becomes thoroughly established in any district.

BEGINNING OF GENERAL INFESTATION

We regret to say that, despite our warnings, very little effort has been made in Alberta to forestall the inroads of this pest with the result that, in three widely separated areas, the sawfly last year swept through entire fields causing, in many instances, as much as from 65 per cent to 70 per cent damage. This is but the beginning of a general infestation of every district in Alberta in which the sawfly is now known to be present, even in the smallest numbers, unless the farmers are prepared to take definite steps for its suppression.

Before this general infestation of wheat fields takes place it is a comparatively simple matter for farmers, by a united effort, to keep the pest permanently out of their fields, but once severe damage has been caused it is doubtful whether, in our lifetime, it will be possible again to bring it under subjection.

We know, already, that a great portion of the eastern part of Alberta is affected by the sawfly and that, unless immediate steps are taken for its control, every district in this area will, in a few years' time be faced with heavy seasonal losses from this pest.

WAIT TO BE TOO LATE NEXT YEAR

We cannot too urgently impress on every farmer that it may be too late next year, in your district, to avoid these losses and you will then enter on a new era of farming, similar to that now experienced in parts of neighboring Provinces. The only wheat that you can be sure of harvesting will be that which you cut while it is still green, or the sawfly will harvest it for you.

This year, throughout the greater part of the affected territory in Alberta, it is not too late to save the situation. Can any farmer afford to neglect taking the necessary steps that will safeguard his future prosperity?

LIFE-HISTORY OF THE SAWFLY

A small wasp-like insect, the adult sawfly lays its eggs in the hollow straw of developing wheat stems during June and July. From these eggs emerge small legless grubs which travel downwards inside the straw, eating through the solid nodes, and leaving the straw filled with "sawdust". By about four days before the grain is ripening they have reached the bottom of the straw, though they remain inside it. They now turn round and crawl up to about ground level where they cut off the straw from the inside. The attached straw, with its well-filled head, falls to the ground with the slightest breeze. The grub remains in the stub, packs its open end with sawdust, and spins a delicate silken cocoon around itself. Here it passes the winter and turns to a sawfly by about the end of the following May. Early in June this sawfly pushes the sawdust packing out of the open end of the stub and is soon busily engaged in laying eggs in the next year's crop of wheat.

WHERE DO THE SAWFLIES COME FROM?

Sawflies normally live in the flowering stems of grasses. For as long as they remain there they will not do us any serious damage. Also, they will never become very abundant, because many other insects, their parasites, find the grubs while they are tunnelling down inside the grass stems and lay eggs in them through the sides of the stems.

The grubs of these parasites live inside the sawfly grubs and eventually kill them. In the following spring, instead of a sawfly escaping from the stub of the severed grass stem, parasites will emerge and will attack the sawfly grubs of the next generation.

TRANSFERENCE TO WHEAT

For some reason that we cannot explain, a few sawflies occasionally discover that they can lay their eggs in wheat stems just as satisfactorily as they can in those of grasses. It is these which attack the wheat around the edges of the fields. Fortunately for us most of the sawflies that develop in the wheat from their eggs fly back to grass in the following spring. For this reason the infestation of wheat may be confined to the edges of the fields for several years, and no appreciable damage will be done.

CAUSE OF INCREASE IN WHEAT

The parasites, which kill off most of the sawfly grubs that are living in grass stems, are unable to attack those grubs which are tunnelling in wheat stems. Why is this? Is it that their instincts do not lead them to seek sawfly grubs in wheat stems or is it that they are unable to reach the grubs inside the comparatively thick stems of wheat? We cannot answer these questions in the present state of our knowledge. In North Dakota, where for many years sawflies have caused severe losses to wheat, some of the parasites are beginning to attack the sawfly grubs in wheatstems, but in Alberta there is as sign of their doing so as yet. Here, for many years to come, we cannot look to the parasites to destroy any of the sawfly grubs in wheat, and even if they ever manage to do so they will never kill all of them, any more than they now do in grasses.

At the present time, then, practically every sawfly grub that lives in a wheatstem will develop ultimately into an egg-laying sawfly, even though most of those living in grass-stems are killed by parasites.

"WHEAT" VARIETY OF SAWFLY FORMED

As we have seen, in the early years of sawfly transference to wheat, most of the sawflies that escape from the wheat stubs in the spring return to grasses in order to lay their eggs. This state of affairs cannot, however, last forever. The wheat-inhabiting individuals practically all survive while most of those in grass-stems are killed by parasites. For reasons, into which we cannot enter here, it can be shown that, as soon as there are almost as many sawflies escaping in the spring from wheat stubs as there are from grass stubs, a strain or "variety" of sawflies that prefer wheat to grass-stems will be established in the district. From that year onward the sawflies that escape from the wheat stubs do not return to grass, but they fly throughout the wheatfields and infest them from end to end. In this manner they entirely escape from their

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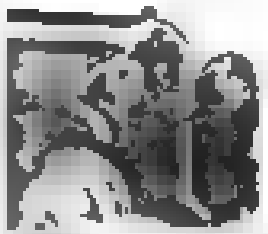

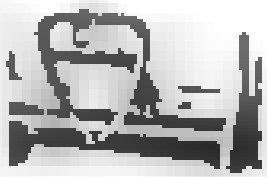

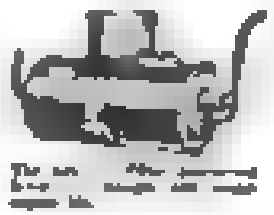

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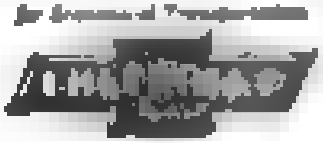

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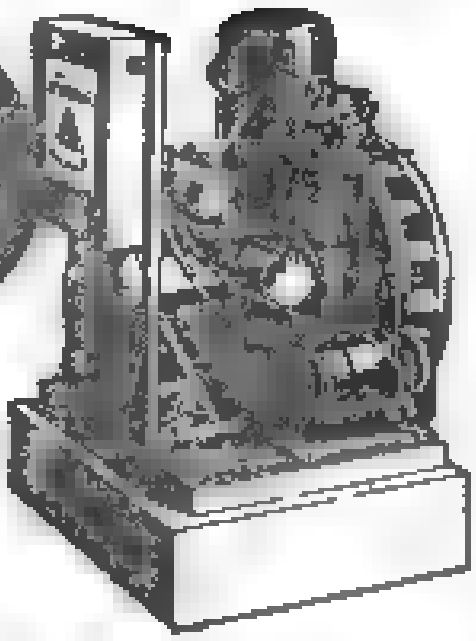

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Local Boards as to the Progress of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Wheat Pool Lectures

In the last issue we published No 2 of a series of short lectures contained in a booklet we have prepared for our members. Any one may obtain copies of the booklet

Lecture No. 3

THE [illegible] WHEAT POOL
AND ITS RELATION TO THE
CENTRAL SELLING AGENCY

[illegible]

Rapid Development is Reported in Co-operation in Egypt, Russia, Finland, Iceland and Sweden

[illegible]

Progress in Finland

[illegible]

Co-operation in Hungary

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The Co-operative Movement in Iceland

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Co-operative Farming in Sweden

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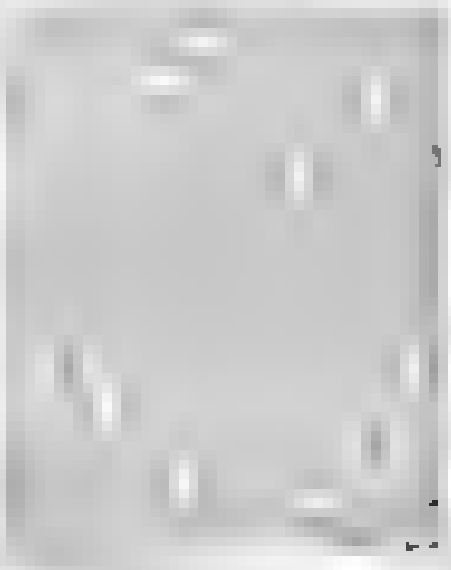
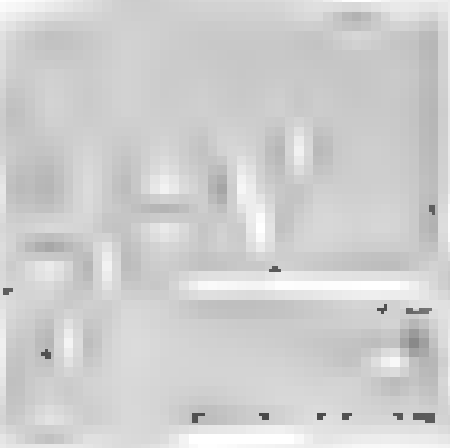
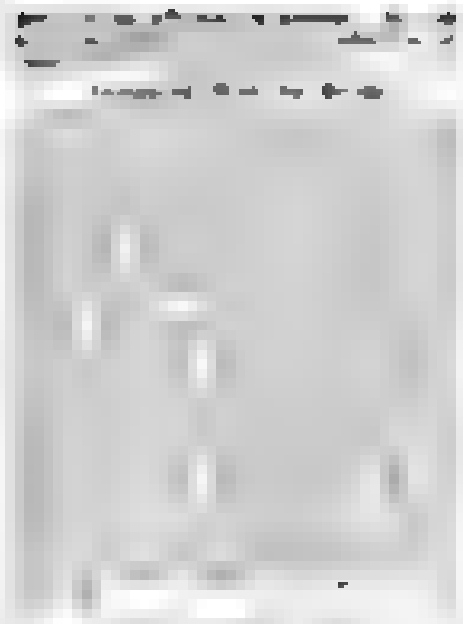
The Treatment of Grain for Smut

All Members Should Have Seed Tested







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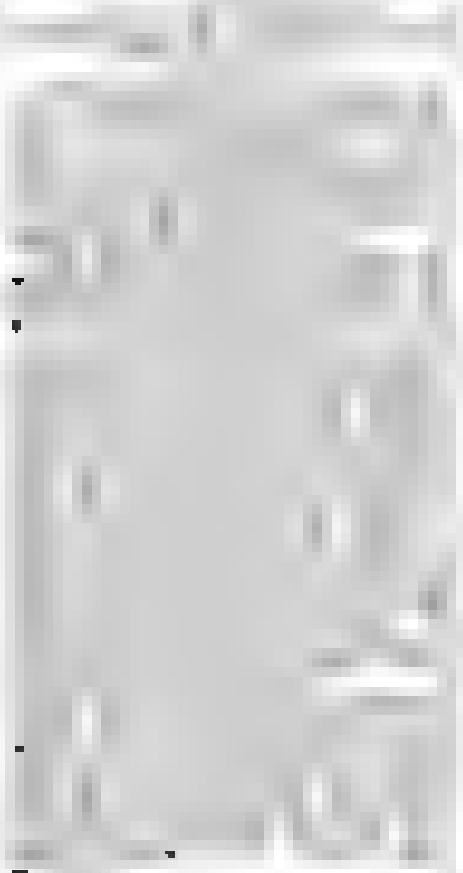

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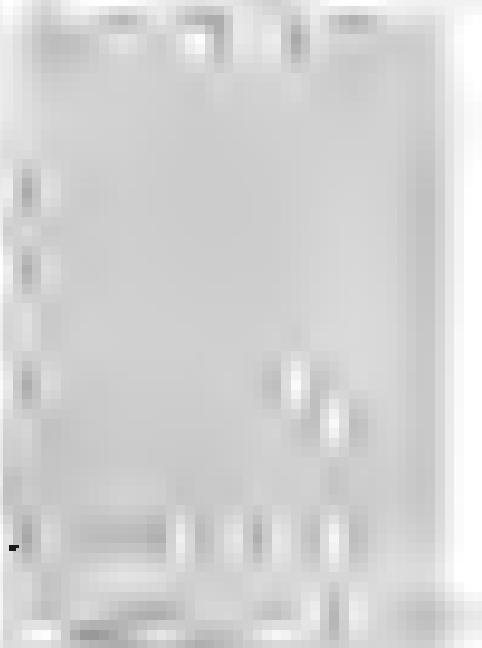

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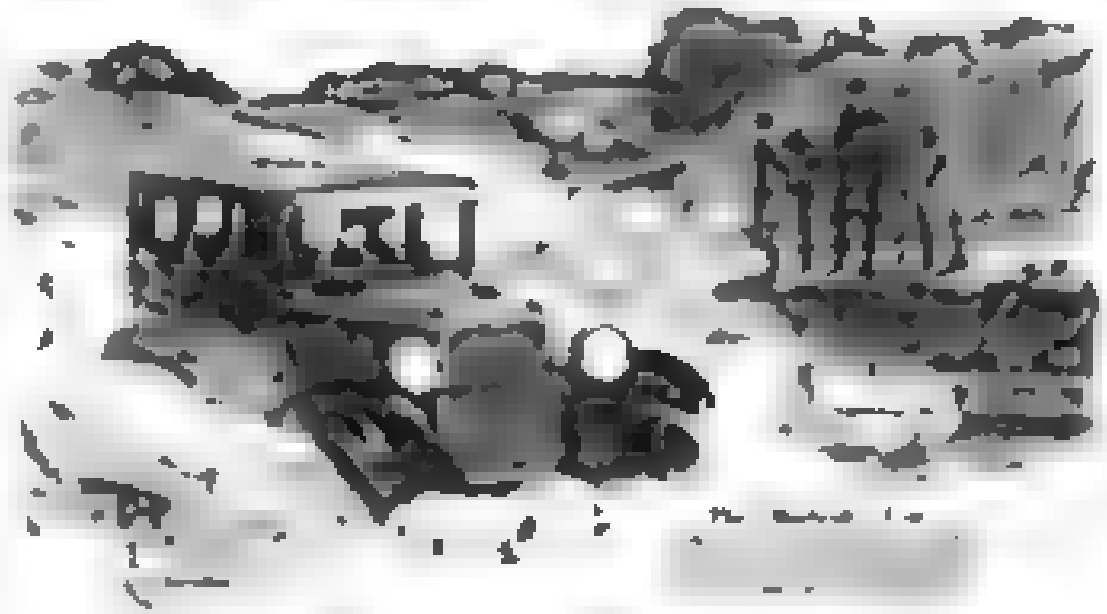

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There have the double effect of making a study somewhat up for our departments and of the big hour the part of interesting it may not be remembered but in the end read them.

Many new ideas and more will come to our minds as we work on the tonight offer it merely as a suggestion hoping they may be of some use to some Local opening its programme.

Yours sincerely,
U. F. W. A.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZED FARM WOMEN

PROFIT FROM SALE OF WORK

Westlock U. F. W. A. local realized profit of $[illegible] from a sale of work and concert held in February, reports Mrs. [illegible], corresponding secretary.

KEYSTONE U. F. W. A. CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The seventh birthday of Keystone U. F. W. A. was celebrated by an entertainment held at the home of Mrs. Elson. The early part of the evening was occupied by a program by the school children and after lunch there was a progressive game of cards, with four tables.

SUBJECTS INTERESTING PAPERS

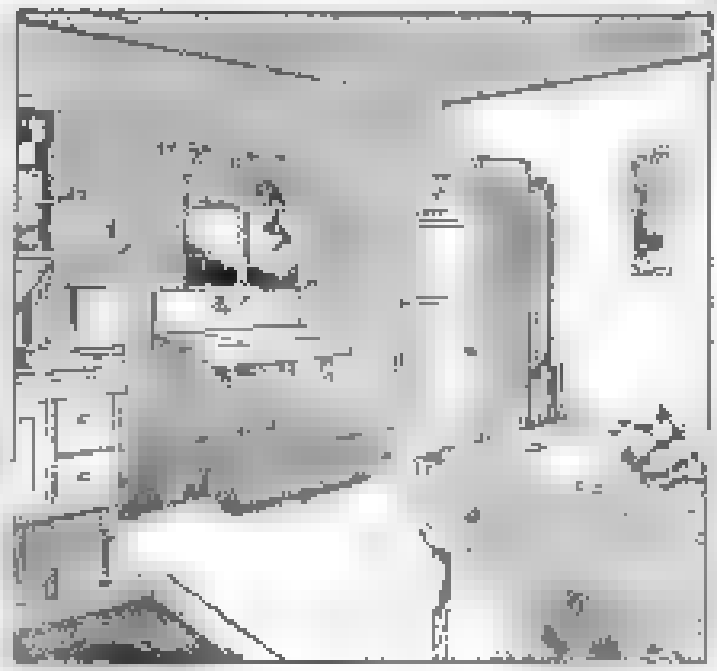
East Vesta Women's [illegible] of the Alix U. F. W. A. [illegible] a varied number of papers [illegible] the place of origin and [illegible] Father Parker and [illegible] search world power [illegible] [illegible] There was a balance in the treasury [illegible] [illegible] 1926 of $[illegible] after all bills [illegible] had been met.

PRESENT PURSE OF GOLD

A purse of gold was presented to Mr. [illegible] on the occasion of the evening [illegible] golden wedding, by Mrs. [illegible] A. Carlyle on behalf of the Rimbey and [illegible] U. F. W. A. Local. This local contributed $50 towards the cost of a piano for the school, writes Mrs. J. A. Laing, secretary.

GRIESBACH HAS INTERESTING PROGRAM

Griesbach U. F. W. A. local began the year's program with a cooking demonstration by Mrs. A. H. Smith. A dressing and [illegible] demonstration by Mrs. W. [illegible] and another cooking demonstration by Mrs. Geo. Forbes were features of the second meeting. Now members preparing eggs, and an address on First Aid, are the chief items arranged for April and May meetings.



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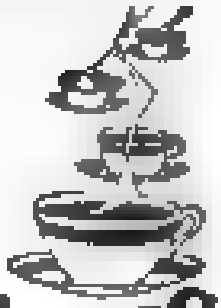

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Mrs. Carlson Submits List of Varied Programs Followed in Lethbridge District

[illegible]

PROGRAM FOR MARCH AT The Farm Buildings

[illegible]

Address. Building a Home in Canada.

Recitation of Ballad. [illegible]

Other Buildings. [illegible]

Chicken Houses. [illegible]

Orchards, Gardens, Cellar, etc.

[illegible]

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 15th
The Farm Home.

Singing ... "The Maple Leaf" ... Roll Call and A Few Remarks ... Song or Reading
Address ... "Furnishing the Home" ... by ... [illegible] ... Suggestions for Spring Cleaning ... Paper ... Curtains ... Draperies ... Stains
Home Conveniences ... Need of Washing Machines ... Vacuum Cleaners ... Electric Irons ... Development of Sewage Disposal of Garbage ... Water Supply ... Ice and Refrigeration ... Home Canning ... Home-made Conveniences ... Discussion on Topic

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 1st
The Planting of Trees and The Farm Garden

Singing ... Roll Call and Minutes ... Reading ... [illegible] ... by ... [illegible]
Why Trees? ... Why a windbreak protection and shelter
What Kinds are Suitable
The Farm Berry Patch
The Wind Break
Talk ... "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree"
Address or Paper on ... Early Spring Work in Garden ... Planning [illegible] of Fruit, Nuts, Vines and Shrubs ... What should go in the Garden
Discussion on Vegetable Gardens, Perennial Gardens, Annuals and Flowers and a Rest Spot ... [illegible] ... Discussion ... Paper ... Where to Get Trees ... What to Plant in Garden and Poultry on Farm

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 15th
[illegible] Pests

Singing ... "Canada" ... Roll Call and Minutes
Notes by Crop Pests Conference.
Harmful [illegible] ... Ground Squirrels ... Gophers ... Cutworms ... Grasshoppers ... Wireworms ... Weevils ... Aphids ... Rusts ... Smuts ... Moulds ... Blights ... Mildews ... Insects ... Diseases ... Weeds ... Spring Work ... Fall Work ... Rotation ... Cultivation ... Seed Selection ... Treatment ... Spraying ... Dusting ... Fumigation ... Poisons ... Sprays ... Dusts ... Fungicides ... Insecticides ... Weed Killers ... Sulphate of Iron ... Bordeaux ... Lime Sulphur ... Paris Green ... Arsenate of Lead ... Calcium Arsenate ... Hellebore ... Pyrethrum ... Tobacco Dust ... Kerosene Emulsion ... Carbolic Acid Emulsion ... Whale Oil Soap ... Resin Wash ... Bluestone ... Formalin ... Copper Sulphate ... Corrosive Sublimate ... Lime Sulphur ... Carbon Bisulphide ... Hydrocyanic Acid Gas ... Sodium Arsenite ... Sodium Fluoride ... Barium Fluosilicate ... Sodium Cyanide ... Calcium Cyanide ... Paradichlorobenzene ... Naphthalene ... Carbon Tetrachloride ... Ethylene Dichloride ... Carbon Disulphide ... Chloropicrin ... Methyl Bromide ... Sulphur Dioxide ... Sulphuric Acid ... Nicotine Sulphate ... Derris and Cube ... Pyrethrum ... Tobacco Dust ... Kerosene Emulsion ... Carbolic Acid Emulsion ... Whale Oil Soap ... Resin Wash ... Bluestone ... Formalin ... Copper Sulphate ... Corrosive Sublimate ... Lime Sulphur ... Carbon Bisulphide ... Hydrocyanic Acid Gas ... Sodium Arsenite ... Sodium Fluoride ... Barium Fluosilicate ... Sodium Cyanide ... Calcium Cyanide ... Paradichlorobenzene ... Naphthalene ... Carbon Tetrachloride ... Ethylene Dichloride ... Carbon Disulphide ... Chloropicrin ... Methyl Bromide ... Sulphur Dioxide ... Sulphuric Acid ... Nicotine Sulphate ... Derris and Cube
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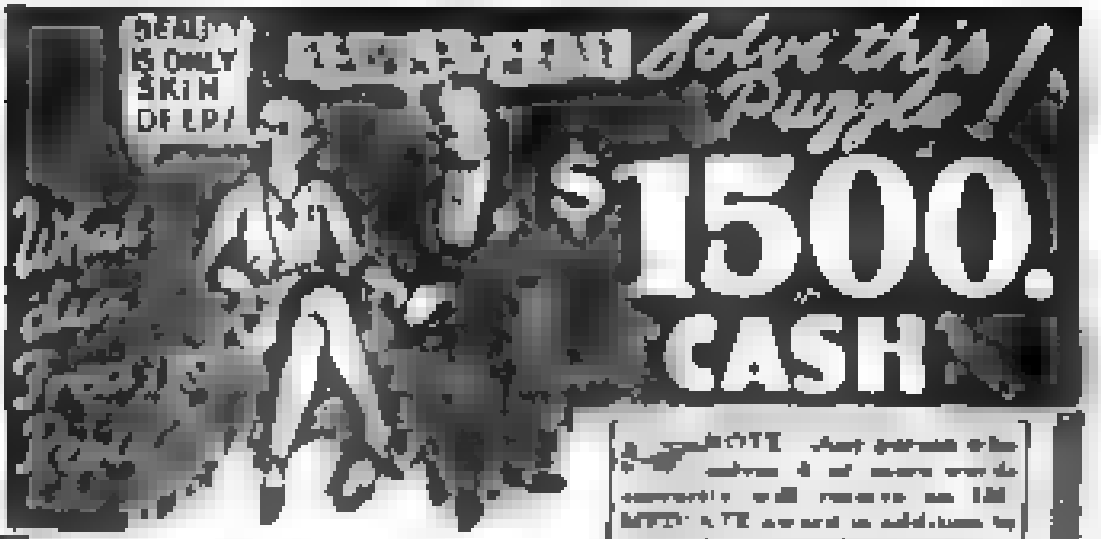
Attractive Program for University Week

The Campaign of Misinformation by the Green Trade



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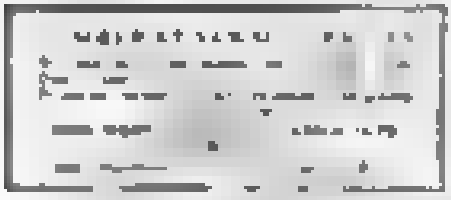

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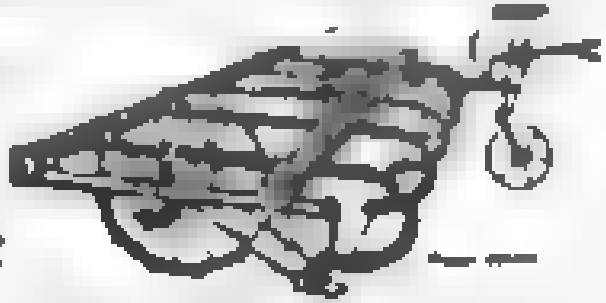

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1915	Seager Wheeler	
1916	[illegible]	Tokopolo, Sask.
1917	[illegible]	
1918	[illegible]	Lumsland, Sask.
1919	[illegible]	[illegible], Alberta.
1920	[illegible]	
1921	[illegible]	Sherman Bruin, Wembley, Alta.

News Items From the Wheat Pool Locals

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T A [illegible] is now secretary of Climax Wheat Pool local.

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Edgar J. Smith is now secretary of Enchant Wheat Pool local.

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Norman R Hike of Hanna has resigned as secretary of Hanna Alsask Wheat Pool local.

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A new Wheat Pool local has been organized at Compeer with R [illegible] as chairman and Saskatoon Templeton as secretary.

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Kirriemuir Wheat Pool local has been organized with [illegible] H Barraclough as chairman and [illegible] as secretary.

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P Copeland is now chairman of Langdon Wheat Pool local, and J Brander is secretary.

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Purple Springs Wheat Pool local has been organized with H N Kinniburgh as chairman and M [illegible] Hunt as secretary.

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A new Wheat Pool local has been organized at West Wingham with A R [illegible] as chairman and Harry M. Fielding as secretary.

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H O Peterson, of Tavender, is secretary of the Lakeside Wheat Pool local, re-

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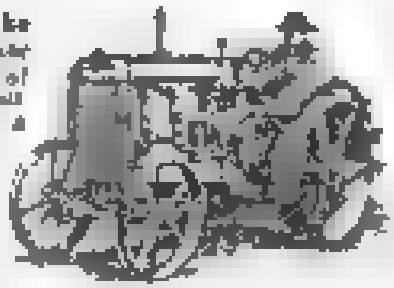

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At the annual meeting of the Electric Wire Pool local ... C. Anderson was elected president, Thos. Kincaid vice-president and Frank Ward, secretary. The board of directors include Hon. Anderson, Sam Fox and R. B. Ridder. H. N. Mangles, of the Western Pool head office staff, delivered an address on the operations of the Pool, at the conclusion of which he answered a number of questions to the satisfaction of the gathering. Sam Fox, M.L.A., moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mangles for his address and urged the necessity of all Pool members working together for the promotion of co-operative marketing and when the time came for the sign up of a new contract to the members present bore with the same frame of mind as in 1920 meeting was the largest held by the Pool local since the first contracts were signed.

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Soldier Settlers Have First Claim

Any Government Assistance Should Go First to Those Who Have Made Some Effort on Land

The above article quoted below against any ... of the ... [illegible] being ... against returned soldiers by the development of a ... recent policy announced in the ... Journal, a ... daily. The ... plays the ... [illegible] ... to ... [illegible] ... public ... who have ... to ... good on the ... of ... conditions have ... [illegible] ... will be widely approved in Alberta.

The paper newspaper says:

EVICTING SOLDIERS

The practice of the ... soldiers ... farms at Winnipeg appears ... to ... [illegible] ... the ... of discouraging Soldier ... the purpose of making ... available for assisted immigrants ... like most. The new Minister ... Immigration, Mr. Forke, stands committed ... guarding ... of ... and it is suspected that he resents ... his purpose ... buildings of which ... has ... prepared under ... ... a home. It will be a disgrace ... the people of Canada if anything ... this kind comes about. The soldiers ... made a gallant effort to make good ... farming enterprises, under conditions ... very great difficulty. It does ... that ... Government means to be ... interested ... their holdings. It would ... infinitely preferable ... allow ... settlers who have given ... of right ... a ... ... to the effort to establish ... selves, than to show preference ... Mongrite.

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An urgent appeal ... farmers to do ... own ... thinking forms the basis of an ... by Frank E. Hosking, Manitoulin, ... extracts from which are given below:

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past hands but the soil hasn't. Why don't you break those bonds? And do it this way. You want to let sunshine don't merely wear them, make them [illegible] Then he finds [illegible] that you pay duty to mind [illegible] a woman as a fool or as [illegible] could get by if keep them [illegible] those who [illegible] by continuance of [illegible] humorous or manipulative. And [illegible] you have neither of [illegible] conditions or you [illegible] you're [illegible] [illegible] and with real [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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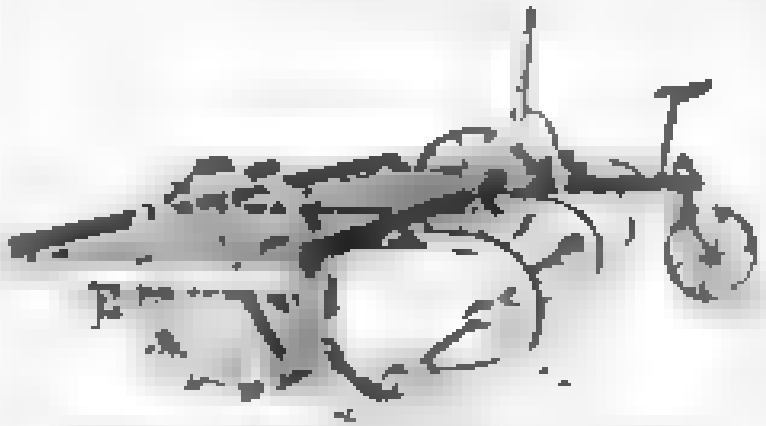

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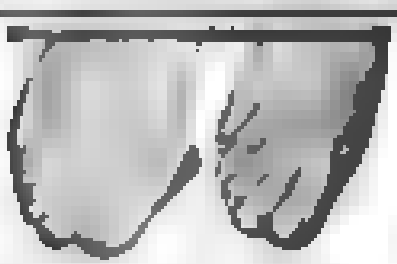

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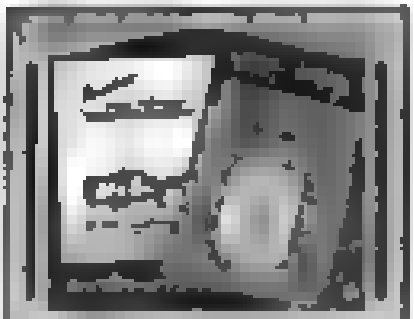

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WHEAT POOL PROGRAMME

Commencing Friday, April 22nd, the Alberta Wheat Pool will broadcast every Friday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. mountain time from Edmonton and Calgary. From Calgary the 22nd should see an address by Parker Boss, Pool and C.P.R. The broadcast from Edmonton will be from Old Timers' Friday, April 29th to 8 p.m. All Pool members will be given by Pool officials speaking directly from the Pool office. If you have no radio, Friday you will hear all the directors, the manager, the secretary and other Pool officials.

U.F.A. Penetrates to the Far North

Fort Vermilion Local Farthest Point—Glen Carpenter Organizes Local At McMurray

Elsewhere over he list of new Locals published on page 5 of this issue our readers will notice the names of two newly revived organizations far northern and widely separated portions of the province. The most northerly point of the latter is Fort Vermilion, on the Peace River, some 960 miles from the international boundary and about 340 miles from the northern limit of Alberta. The other town is at Fort McMurray, on the Athabasca, about 320 miles north of the international boundary.

The McMurray local was organized by Glen Carpenter, another U.F.A. booster of East Elgin who has come to Alberta with a number of settlers of aggressive outlook who wish to find scope of enterprising citizenship in the new community. And looking there we see up with the great democratic organization of the province a Alberta of a new sort of order. Mr. Carpenter is now employed as superintendent of construction of the new house of 200 rooms capacity in the Athabasca Fisheries Co. Edgars. He paid a flying visit to Calgary last week, and has now arranged a shipment by this company in spite of the ice pack, to ship ice immediately to the Chicago market. They expect to ship 30 tons of fish from McMurray during the coming season.

The president of the new Local at McMurray is Nicholas Moore, the Vice-President Fred Young, and Mr. Hill Secretary-Treasurer. The local expects shortly to have a membership of 50.

We hope to have news from the Locals at Fort Vermilion and McMurray for publication in The U.F.A. from time to time.

MOUNTAIN VIEW U.F.A. LOCAL

A well attended meeting in the community Hall, east of McMurray, was held on April 5th, U. S. Nicholas, President, Vice-president. The new local, which has been named Mountain View, has a initial membership of fifteen. Mr. Nicholas addressed the meeting on co-operation matters, and A. B. Liverpool, M.A., spoke on the New Work Fund. Mrs. Roberts was secretary of the new Local and Mrs. A. Thomas secretary.

A demonstration on the cracking of fish slab and samples of the product are exposed by about fifty women at the last meeting of Swalwell U.F.W.A. local, writes the secretary, Mrs. H. M. Wills. This local has already secured four new members this year. Mrs. Wills, and be interest and lively always at each meeting is good to see.

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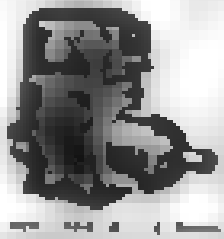

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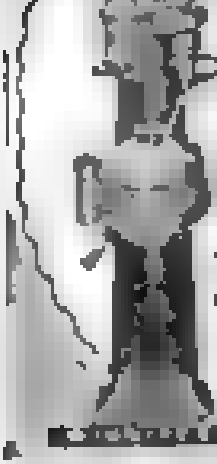

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What Canada Spent on Immigration, 1926

During the year ending December 31st, 1926, the Immigration Department of the Dominion Government spent $2,541,-430.01, while in the same period 135,949 immigrants entered Canada. Owing to the fact that the Government has no way of checking the number of persons who leave for the United States, the Minister, Hon. Robert Forke, is unable to give any information upon such losses by emigration.

These facts were brought out by H. E. Spencer, M.P., by a question on the order paper of the House of Commons. The questions and answers by Mr. Forke are given in full below:

1. How many immigrants came into Canada during the year ending December 31, 1926? A.—135,949.

2. Of what nationality were these comprised?

A.—Albanian 11, Arabian 8, Armenian 66, Austrian 223, Belgian 1,842, Bohemian 24; British—English 24,541, Scotch 13,-861, Irish 9,049, Welsh 1,368; Bulgarian, 67; Chinese 3; Croatian 1,135; Czech 770; Dutch 1643; East Indian 68; Esthonian 77; Finnish 4,721; French 831; German 10,720; Greek 274; Herzegovinian 3; Italian 2,539; Japanese 443; Jewish 4,441; Jugo-Slav 2,191; Korean 1; Lettish 54; Lithuanian 729; Magyar 5,182; Maltese 34; Mexican 1; Montenegrin 1; Moravian 22; Negro 50; Persian 4; Polish 5,359; Portuguese 15; Roumanian 317; Russian 1,074; Ruthenian 9,468; Scandinavian—Danish 1,467, Icelandic 31, Norwegian 2,907, Swedish 2324; Serbian 852; Slovak 1,010; Spanish 27; Spanish American 5; Swiss 803; Syrian 221; Turkish 4; From U.S.A. 20,944; (border ports).

3. To what occupations did they go?

A.—Farming class, 76,141; Labouring class, 8,341; Mechanics, 9,481; Trading class, 5,267; Mining class, 1,324; Female Domestics, 13,043; Other classes, 22,787.

4. What religious denomination did they claim?

A.—Statistics as to religious denominations are not compiled.

5. Has the Government any way of checking how many people leave for the United States?

A.—No.

6. If so, how many left during the above year?

A.—Answered by No. 5.

7. How much was spent by the Immigration Department during 1926?

A.—$2,541,430.01; these figures include all expenditures by the Department for the fiscal year and cover the costs of work on the International Boundary and at Canadian Ocean Ports, in the British Isles Continental Service, United States Service, publicity and general administration.

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